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Economic and Community Development Committee Minutes **July 22– 9:00am** **DuPage County Conference Room**

Members Present: Tim Angell, Joe Balasa, Tracey Bosman, Consuella Brown, Bill Browne, Robert Gleeson, John Greuling, Robin Kelly, Sean McCarthy, Harry Pestine, Mike Scholefield, Jane Thomas (for Gideon Blustein), David Young

Members Absent: Chris Aiston, Andre Ashmore, George Billows, Lori Clark, Grant Davis, Judith Kossy, Cindy McSherry, Charles Perkins, Angie Powell

Staff Present: Annie Byrne, Andrew-Williams Clark, Jon Hallas, Tara Fifer, Brian Rademacher, Paul Reise, Diana Torres, Kermit Wies, Bradley Wolf

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am.

2.0 Welcome and Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by David Young and seconded by Joe Balasa.

4.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

No agenda changes were made. The Chair welcomed Tim Angell, Director of Community and Economic Development in the City of Des Plaines to the committee.

5.0 Staff Report

Staff informed the committee that the scenario construction development was underway. The draft scenarios for economic development include: Regional Collaboration, Business Success, Integrated Workforce, and Fostering an Innovation Culture. The committee will have an opportunity to comment on economic development scenarios and strategies at the August meeting.

6.0 Developments of Regional Importance

The committee discussed the proposed process for addressing developments of regional importance. Members recognized the fact that the DRI process is not mandatory and as the document stands, there are no specific thresholds that determine what a development of regional importance would be, however the committee raised two

questions: 1) Are there any incentives to participate in this process? 2) Are there any regulations to stop a municipality or a developer in conducting Full Regional Impact Analysis (FRIA)?

This led to a discussion that included the following: John Grueling supported the concept that the DRI process can help local units of government conduct a local analysis on potential regional project rather than creating another layer of bureaucracy. Bill Browne went further to suggest that there should be some type of incentive for it to be an acceptable regional process. Consuella Brown asked if a regional tax credit could be made available for projects that went through the process. David Young suggested an accelerated permitting process should be considered for projects that go through the process. Joe Balasa asked if CMAP has the personnel to identify DRI's in the region and conduct an analysis for them, he also suggested that the impact of job creation and tax creation should be included as part of the qualitative consideration of a DRI. This was duly noted and would be submitted to the programming committee meeting in August.

Staff responded that CMAP will be involved in identifying DRI's through the method outlined in the document. Members thought it helpful if a flow chart to visually indicate the process was prepared. Staff would follow up on this request.

The committee suggested that CMAP create a trial period for DRI's to see how the process works and then officially come back and see how it went. The committee agreed to make a recommendation for the programming committee: **"the committee recommends that upon adoption of the DRI review process CMAP will allow for a 24 month trial/beta period for the review of the DRI process. Upon completion of the trial/beta period, the DRI process will be revisited."**

7.0 Go To 2040 Update

6.1 Snapshot: Planning Impacts of Latino Population Growth

Diana Torres presented the snapshot on Planning Impacts of Latino Population Growth. This snapshot focused on 7 aspects in which to view ways in which the growing Latino population could impact the region, they were Employment/Income, Education, Housing, Health, Land Use, Transportation, and Quality of Life. The committee commended CMAP's efforts on the study. Tim Angell asked if there was data and information on the suburbs. Staff reported that there has not been a comparable study for the suburbs. Committee members said a study that examines the impact of the Latino population in the region's suburbs would be beneficial. Harry Pestine mentioned work the Federal Reserve Board has done on this subject over the last seven years. He would make the material available to staff.

6.2 Regional Indicators Project

Andrew Williams Clark presented a list of sixteen tracking indicators on Economic Competitiveness. These are the indicators that could be used for the Regional Indicators Project to track the economy. The committee was asked to review the indicators and indicate if these were appropriate. This would be reviewed at the next meeting.

8.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting ended at 10:30am

The next meeting of the Economic and Community Development working committee will be held on Tuesday August 26, 2008 at 9:00am in the CMAP offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Rademacher
Staff Liaison

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